

**REPLACEMENT
ITEM # 32 ON AGENDA**

INTRODUCED BY:

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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, May 23, 2005

WHEREAS, There are numerous standards and requirements that must be met for anyone to become a police officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician (EMT), or other emergency services professional; and

WHEREAS, There is a constant demand for new candidates to become police officers, firefighters, EMT or other emergency services professional to fulfill the public safety needs of every town and city within the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford, as well as other towns, has not been as successful as it would like in recruiting and retaining local residents and minority candidates to fulfill the needs for public safety personnel such as police officers, firefighters, EMTs, or other emergency services professionals; and

WHEREAS, The City police and fire explorer programs address only part of the need for recruiting and retaining local residents to become police officers, firefighters, EMTs, or other emergency services professionals; and

WHEREAS, Candidates that successfully complete the Police or explorer program must still apply for certification and licenses; and

WHEREAS, A high school for students interested in a career in public safety could address the need of preparing residents and minority candidates for successful certification and licensure; and

WHEREAS, Said high school could offer instruction in criminology, forensics, civil and criminal law, emergency medical services, physical fitness and other courses geared towards public safety service; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, students attending such a high school would possess knowledge relative to successfully passing any exam, and skills relative to a serving in the public safety sector;
now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council calls upon the Mayor to recommend to the Hartford Board of Education the establishment of a magnet school themed on public safety to be planned, developed and operated vis-à-vis the State of Connecticut Department of Education obligation to magnet schools.